

Seattle Hospital and Clinics Refuse Negroes Service

To our subscribers, readers and friends. You are asked by the Herald editor to recall a promise made to you some weeks ago to inform you concerning Naziism in America. They say charity begins at home, so I shall first report our findings in Seattle. The following story of how an ex-Negro serviceman and his wife were refused service at a Seattle hospital, and several clinics, speaks for itself, or, as it was related to the Herald editor by Pvt. John E. Robinson, an honorably discharged serviceman who was seriously injured in line of duty. A crushed wrist, hand and chest was the result of injuries received. He spent four months in Oran, North Africa and Tunis Corsican hospitals. He was returned to America and on arrival had the use of but one hand. He applied for truck driving in the army service, where he has worked continuously up to the present time. He was married November 18th, 1944, and is at present residing at 2214 E. Madison street with his wife Doris Jean, who at this time is an expectant mother. 2-13-45

Private Robinson, looking forward to the comforts and advance preparation of his wife's confinement, called several hospitals and clinics in Seattle.

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The first hospital called was the Madison Hospital at 18th and E. Madison Street. All arrangements for reservation and examination of his wife was made over the phone by the lady office manager. When she asked my address, made the surprising remark: "Oh, you are colored?" My answer was "Yes." She then asked me to hold the phone a minute, and presently a doctor spoke, explaining that they had no facilities for examining other than their patients, and could not accommodate them.

The next clinic called simply referred them to Dr. Brookbank and Dr. Smith in the Medical Dental building at 6th and Olive St., who by phone accepted the case and asked that the patient apply for examination next day at 4 o'clock. When Mrs. Robinson appeared in person a strange and somewhat surprised look greeted her from the Doctor Brookbank. Then he asked when she expected to be confined. When answered, the doctor

was forced to ask for time to answer that \$64 question.

Watch next issue of the Herald for other unAmerican Hitler agents operating in Seattle and America. I shall call names and publish addresses.

tor replied, "Well, you see, at that time several of the doctors will be on vacation and most of the others will be attending conventions. We can't accept your case." Mrs. Robinson returned home and related the incident to her husband who in turn was determined to secure the reservation. He called the King County Medical Exchange who simply recommended the Madison Medical Center, 1336 E. Madison Street, who made arrangements for examination of Mrs. Robinson for the next afternoon. Mrs. Robinson appeared at the clinic at time appointed and was met by the lady desk clerk who after looking her over thoroughly remarked: "We are sorry but we do not accept colored patients here. If you wish you may call the King County Medical Society and explain your case to them." "I was not looking for charity," explained Private Robinson. "I want to pay whatever the costs may be. I want my wife well cared for." So, disgusted he went to the Veterans Bureau of information and asked if all hospitals and clinics in Seattle were closed to colored people. They advised him to contact Mrs. Nella Carter, our Colored Welfare representative, which he did, and in turn was told by Mrs. Carter that she could get any doctor or hospital he cared to have and asked why he didn't call on her first. He had to explain that he didn't know about her. Arrangements were made through Mrs. Carter for his wife's confinement. 2-13-45

EDITOR'S NOTE: This story covering the above incidents is one of many reported to the Northwest Herald office. We have decided to publish these stories and unAmerican incidents as told or explained by the victims. This office is open at all times to receive these inhuman acts of Hitler agents operating in Seattle and America. I have been thoroughly convinced that we cannot win a war or anything else by making stone of our brothers' flesh and blood. You who doubt the truth and sincerity of this article, please call on Private J. E. Robinson, at 2214 E. Madison St. He will gladly verify every statement in this article. Pvt. Robinson also asks the editor if Mrs. Nella Carter was the only person that could secure hospital and clinic service for Negroes in Seattle. The editor